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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

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For GRAPPLING ARM ASSEMBLY WITH  
LATCHING MEANS :**Amendment**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of July 28, 2004, Applicant requests that the subject application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.